

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 6 August 2024**

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present:           Councillor Marje Paling                               Councillor Sue Pickering  
                  Councillor Boyd Elliott                           Councillor Alex Scroggie  
                  Councillor Rachael Ellis                           Councillor Sam Smith  
                  Councillor Roxanne Ellis                           Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton  
                  Councillor Julie Najuk                           Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent:           Councillor Martin Smith

Officers in        L Chaplin, B Hopewell, A Hutchinson and R Towlson  
Attendance:

**15           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Martin Smith, Councillor Sam Smith attended as substitute.

**16           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**17           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**18           ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

None.

**19           EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

**RESOLVED:**

That, the Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**20 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO 3595 - WA**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence.

WA was unable to attend the meeting and had requested that the decision be deferred to the next available committee to allow WA to attend the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

To defer the decision to the next available committee.

**21 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO 4078. - HR**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence.

HR attended the meeting along with a family member and they both addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee found that there were exceptional mitigating circumstances surrounding the offences which allowed for departure from the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

**RESOLVED:**

Issue a warning to HR to read and comply with his Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence conditions and policy, noting that further such incidents would result in another appearance before the Committee.

The meeting finished at 4.55 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: